

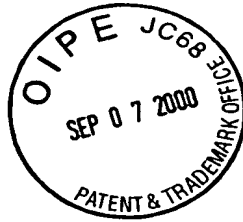
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**COMBINED, CERTIFICATION
AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56 and 37 CFR §1.97**

The Honorable Assistant Secretary and
Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on a modified Form PTO-1449 is the listing of documents known to applicants in order to comply with applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of the listed documents is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97-1.98.

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The instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97(c) (i.e., after the mailing date of the action, but before the mailing date of a final action under 37 CFR §1.113 or a notice of allowance under 37 CFR §1.114). This reference was cited by the examiner in the Office Action dated June 7, 2000. However, it was only the abstract. Therefore, we are supplying herewith a complete copy of the article. Accordingly, we are not submitting the fee of \$240.00. However, should a fee be required, please consider this paragraph as approval to change our deposit account no. 19-0741.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(e)(2) that the document cited in this Information Disclosure Statement was not cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, or to my knowledge, after making reasonable inquiry, was not known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.


RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

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Applicants respectfully request that this listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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